REMARKS

Claims 1 and 12 are amended, but no new matter is added. The substance of the additions to these claims is found on page 3, lines 22 and 23 of the original application. Claim 10 is amended to correct a grammar problem.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 9-11, 12-14, and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over a U.S. pat. no.(US 6,359,444) to Grimes (Grimes).

Claims 1 and 12 are the only independent claims and all other claims depend from them. Both claims 1 and 12 (a corresponding limitation) as amended have the added limitation of:

means for sensing the receipt of the RF signal by the electronic circuit by sensing a power increase in the RF generator in the presence of the planar two arm spiral structure.

The addition of a generator whose power increases when near the inventive RFID tag is not suggested in either Grimes or the Thaysen (used for other claims) references. There is no problem or advantage indicating in either of these references that would suggest the limitation illustrated just above. For that reason, it is respectfully requested that all the claims 9-22 now distinguish Grimes and Thaysen. A notice of allowance is requested.

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